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Alisa Ann Ivory et al. : Confirmation No. 1918
Serial No. 10/810,940 : Group Art Unit 1615
Filed March 26, 2004 : Examiner
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With Improved Film Strength and Stability :

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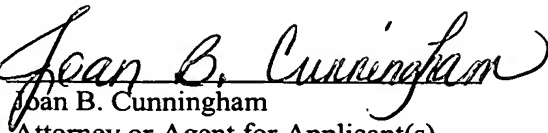
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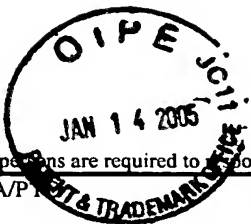
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